

JCI Joshua project

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Heritage introduction

(Perek 14)

The sons of Yosef, מנשה and Ephraim got so lucky, they divided Yosef's land among themselves. But the levites weren't so lucky for they were assigned no land but to live in towns. Although, they have many spiritual perks. What about me? I should get some land. I served god, and Moshe promised me he would give me land. I deserve the land and it should be mine. I gave a truthful report and I am a honorable servant of the almighty. I am still strong in my faith in Hashem, I have not let any bit of my respect drop. I don't see if I am still a honorable servant, the terms should be changed. Even at my age(85), my courage and bravery to fight for Hashem has not changed.....(He got land)... I have received the land from joshua! Now I shall pass it on to my descendants and Hebron should forever be in the name of Caleb son of Jephunah. My descendants shall thrive in the land, and they shall settle and multiply.

Public v.s Private

(Perek 15)

(It outlined the borders of Israel so I decided to compare biblical and modern Israel.)

MAP 4

THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL





This is the land of Israel in biblical times compared to the land in modern times. We had Gaza and the Sinai peninsula in biblical times. We gave away holy biblical land. To the Jews thousands of years ago this land was irreplaceable. And the land isn't divided by tribe, because we only know two of the existing tribes (Levi and Cohen) the other 10 are known as **ישראל**. Israel is a Jewish state, but there are much more non-Jews than ever before.

Description of מנשה

(Perek 16)

My name is David I am a young apprentice farmer from the tribe of מנשה. The land here is fertile and we have many farms, but we are also ready for war at any given moment. Even Gideon one of the greatest leaders of בני ישראל came from my tribe. He turned the Jews away from false gods and refused to be king, for in his eyes Hashem was the only ruler. Gideon led soldiers on a mission to an enemy camp where they blew their trumpets which alarmed the enemy, and the enemy became confused and attacked each other.



Another famous figure from my time is Deborah, a famous prophetess who was even a military and spiritual leader which is very strange. (The fact that she was military leader and spiritual leader was strange.) Although, Deborah is known more as a spiritual leader than as a judge. She was even known as the mother of Israel! With her team led by Benjamin and men of Ephraim she attacked the "heels" of Sisera endangering herself to draw them away from Mount Tabor so Barak could attack. With them is Machir (the half tribe of Manassah who lived west of the Jordan), and part of Issachar whose territory the battle was



fought in.

Song Of Deborah (About the fight)

1 "Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam in that day:

**2 `That the leaders took the lead in Israel,
that the people offered themselves willingly,
bless the LORD!**

**3 `Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes;
to the LORD I will sing,
I will make melody to the LORD, the God of
Israel.**

**4 `LORD, when thou didst go forth from
Seir,
when thou didst march from the region of
Edom,
the earth trembled,
and the heavens dropped,
yea, the clouds dropped water.**

5 The mountains quaked before the LORD

**16 Why did you tarry among the
sheepfolds,
to hear the piping for the flocks?
Among the clans of Reuben
there were great searchings of heart.**

**17 `Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan;
and Dan, why did he abide with the ships?
Asher sat still at the coast of the sea
settling down by his landings.**

**18 Zebulun is a people that jeoparded their
lives to the death;
Naphtali too, on the heights of the field.**

**19 `The kings came, they fought;
they fought the kings of Canaan,**

5 The mountains quaked before the LORD,
yon Sinai before the LORD, the God of
Israel.

6 `In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath,
in the days of Jael, caravans ceased
and travelers kept to the byways.

7 `The peasantry ceased in Israel, they
ceased
until you arose, Deborah,
arose as a mother in Israel.

8 When new gods were chosen,
when war was in the gates.
Was shield or spear to be seen
among forty thousand in Israel?

9 My heart goes out to the commanders of
Israel
who offered themselves willingly among the
people.
Bless the LORD.

10 `Tell of it, you who ride on tawny asses,
you who sit on rich carpets
and you who walk by the way.

11 To the sound of musicians at the
watering places,
here they repeat the triumphs of the LORD,
the triumphs of his peasantry in Israel.

`Then down to the gates marched the
people of the LORD.

12 `Awake, awake, Deborah!
Awake, awake, utter a song!
Arise, Barak, lead away your captives,
O son of Abinoam.

13 `Then down marched the remnant of the
noble;
the people of the LORD marched down for
him
against the mighty.

14 `From Ephraim they set out thither into
the valley,
following you, Benjamin, with your
kinsmen;

at Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo;
they got no spoils of silver.

20 `From heaven fought the stars,
`from their courses they fought against
Sisera.

21 The torrent Kishon swept them away,
the onrushing torrent, the torrent Kishon.
March on soul, my soul, with might!

22 `Then loud beat the horses' hoofs
with the galloping, galloping of his steeds.

23 `Curse Meroz, says the angel of the
LORD,
curse bitterly its inhabitants,
because they came not to the help of the
LORD,
to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

24 `Most blessed of women be Jael,
the wife of Heber the Kenite,
of tent-dwelling women most blessed.

25 He asked water and she gave him milk,
she brought him curds in a lordly bowl.

26 She put her hand to the tent peg
and her right hand to the workman's mallet;
and she struck Sisera a blow,
she crushed his head,
she shattered and pierced his temple.

27 He sank, he fell,
he lay at her feet;
at her feet he sank, he fell;
where he sank, there he fell dead.

28 `Out of the window she peered,
the mother of Sisera gazed through the
lattice:
"Why is his chariot so long in coming?
Why tarry the hoofbeats of his chariots?"

29 Her wisest ladies make answer,
nay, she gives answer to herself,

"Are they not finding and dividing the
spoil?—
A maiden or two for every man."

from Machir marched down the
commanders,
and from Zebulun those who bear the
marshal's staff;

15 the princes of Issachar came with
Deborah,
and Issachar faithful to Barak;
into the valley they rushed forth at his
heels.

`Among the clans of Reuben
there were great searchings of heart.

A maiden or two for every man,
spoil of dyed stuff for Sisera,
spoil of dyed stuffs embroidered,
two pieces of dyed work for my neck as
spoil?"

31 `So perish all thine enemies, O LORD!
But thy friends be like the sun as he rises in
his might.'

And the land had rest for forty
years," (Judges 4-5).

Some extra fun stuff+ a video!

When the tribe of מנשה was exiled they ended up being sent to India. They kept judaism and the torah and, 27 centuries later they started to return home. These people are known as בני מנשה and many of them have already made aliyah.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHvUcfB_B0c&feature=related



Relationship with today: (Proved in Public v.s Private) The biblical land was given to us as our land and we don't have permission to give it away. As one can see from the map on perk 15, we have lost touch with the unity and the organization of biblical Israel.

Quiz

Who are the bnei menace?

- a) Japanese people that live in Israel
- b) people that seem to be from the tribe of menashe
- c) a organization of rabbis

d) מנשה's nickname

B

Who is Gideon?

- a) a profit
- b) Efraim lead general
- c) major military and spiritual leader
- d) beast killed by david

C

How many tribes in biblical israel are in the boundaries of modern israel?

- a) 7
- b) 9
- c) 10
- d) 9 1/2

D

Who earned hebron?\

- a) joshua
- b) jephunah
- c) caleb
- d) yiheskel

How many people came altogether in the video?

- a) 342
- b) 117
- c) 218
- d) 78

C

How many centuries ago was menace exiled?

- a) 34
- b) 17.5
- c) 26
- d) 27

D